# **APPENDIX C**

# Determining Tuition Rates and Uniform Policy on Student Residency Status

## **Determine Tuition Rates**

lowa Department of Education correspondence dated November 16, 2000 Summary of Community College Tuition Issues Provided to the Community College Presidents – November 2, 2000 President's Meeting states "The policy on student residency status for the purpose of establishing tuition and fee charges within Iowa merged area schools were developed in compliance with administrative rules 281-21.2. This uniform policy states that "a person classified as a resident shall be provided resident tuition costs". Thus, a community college may charge a resident tuition rate and a non-resident tuition rate:

#### Resident:

- Tuition for residents of lowa shall not exceed the lowest tuition rate per semester, or the equivalent, charged by an institution of higher education under the State Board of Regents for a full-time resident student.
- However, except for students enrolled under lowa Code 261C (Postsecondary Enrollment
  Options Act (PSEO), if a local school district pays tuition for a resident pupil of high school age, the
  limitation on tuition for residents of lowa shall not apply, and the amount of tuition shall be determined by
  the board of directors of the community college with the consent of the local school board.
- Colleges may charge resident tuition rates to residents of one of lowa's eight sister states. Authorized in the Code of lowa 260C.14(14). Each college (merged area) board may have its own policy on whether to give the preferential resident rates to such students.

### Non-Resident:

- Tuition for non-residents of lowa shall not be less than the marginal cost of instruction of a student attending the college.
- A lower tuition for non-residents may be permitted under a reciprocal tuition agreement between a merged area and an educational institution in another state, if the state board approves the agreement. [Statement is referenced in Iowa Code, Subsection 260C.14(2), "Authority of Area Directors."]
- A differential for international students within the non-resident tuition rate is not permitted.
- A community college may not charge a non-immigrant alien a different tuition rate from that of other non-resident students. Non-immigrant aliens are generally those who are in the United States temporarily and intend at some time (doesn't have to be immediate or even near future) to return to their homeland. Immigrant aliens may establish residency the same as United States Citizens.

Residency requirements for the determination of residency and non-residency tuition rates must be in compliance with the Iowa Community Colleges Uniform Policy on Student Residency Status (state board approved June 7, 2001).